



Whitestown RDC Meeting Minutes April 4, 2016

Sarah Ford called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. Members present were **Megan Swain, Robby Halford, Bryan Brackemyre, Sarah Ford and Susan Austin.**

New Business:

Consider A Resolution Approving Deduction Application for Area Previously Designated an Economic Revitalization Area (SAP Corp/Rego-Fix Tool Corporation Real Property Tax Abatement Application) (Resolution 2016-01)

Dax Norton gave a brief overview of the application and the company seeking the deduction. **Bryan Brackemyre** and **Robby Halford** commented about wage rate and how it relates to the incentive. The company representatives gave a brief presentation and answered questions presented by the commission. Further discussion ensued. **Robby Halford** moved to approve Resolution 2016-01, **Sarah Ford** seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Consider A Resolution Approving Deduction Application for Area Previously Designated an Economic Revitalization Area (Telamon Personal Property Tax Abatement Application) (Resolution 2016-02)

Dax Norton gave a brief overview of the application and the company seeking deduction. Discussion ensued. **Robby Halford** moved to approve Resolution 2016-02, **Megan Swain** seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Solar Project Update:

Dax Norton informed the commission that there were some issues with the contract to lease the land for the solar project. **Bryan Brackemyre** explained solar power and its relationship to the grid to the commission. He also explained that the REMC was a member organization and understood that it would be hard for the organization to offer the solar exclusively to Whitestown residents. **Sarah Ford** stated that she believed the project has taken long enough and stated it was likely time to consider pulling out of the partnership and asking for a refund of the \$75,000 that the RDC had paid to the REMC as an investment. She suggested that the RDC use those funds to fund projects in the Legacy Core. The commission directed staff to have one more discussion with REMC and ask that our demands be met or direct the REMC to refund the \$75,000.

Dax Norton discussed a number of projects including the construction of an access drive in the South Anson Retail/Maplegrove TIF and the beautification of Whitestown Parkway. He suggested that the RDC consider using TIF to fund a portion of these projects. The commission took the request under advisement.

Dax Norton discussed the Legacy Core investments with the commission. He suggested the focus move from sidewalks and lighting to parking lot construction and replacing the roof on the former Whitestown High School gymnasium building. Discussion ensued.

Megan Swain moved to adjourn, **Bryan Brackemyre** seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Sarah Ford, President

Susan Austin

Bryan Brackemyre, Vice President

Megan Swain, Treasurer

Robby Halford

ATTEST:

Dax Norton, Town Manager